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Mayor Healy to Host West Point Cadets In Promotion of Cultural Sensitivity

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and the Office of Veteran Affairs will welcome West Point Cadets as part of a semester-long class called “Winning the Peace” from **9 to 11 a.m. on Friday, April 4, 2008 at City Hall, 280 Grove Street.**

“More than 50 languages are spoken here,” said **Mayor Healy**. “All throughout the summer we celebrate these differences with our Tapestry of Nations Ethnic Festivals. “I am proud that Jersey City is one of the most ethnically diverse cities in America.”

The visit by the West Point Cadets provide them with an insight into cultures and religions that may be unfamiliar to them. “Winning the Peace” is part of a broad recognition by the U.S. military that the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have demonstrated that troops in the field must win the trust of the local people to have any hope of defeating an enemy hiding among them.

The cadets will be visiting various cultural and religious institutions throughout the City. They also meet with community leaders and young people from several of Jersey City’s ethnic populations, including Indians, Pakistanis and Egyptian Coptic Christians.

Since 2003, the United States Military Academy in New York offers this class as an elective class. This visit provides these West Point Cadets insight into cultures and religions that may be unfamiliar to them. “Winning the Peace” is part of a broad recognition by the U.S. military that wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have demonstrated that troops in the field must win the trust of the local people to have any hope of defeating an enemy hiding among them.

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